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Rep. Alberts Announces May 3 Connecticut Tax Freedom Day



Notes Connecticut Taxpayers Work 123 Days Before Earning Enough to Pay Taxes

State Representative Mike Alberts (R-50th, Brooklyn, Eastford, Hampton, Pomfret, Woodstock) today joined in a press conference announcing Tax Freedom Day ® for Connecticut taxpayers, the latest of any state in the nation.

Rep. Alberts said, “Enough is enough. How many more taxes will the state legislature impose on the taxpayers before it utterly crushes incentive, drives away jobs and turns Connecticut into an economic wasteland?”

Rep. Alberts noted, “People in Connecticut have to work 123 days just to pay taxes, more than any other state in the nation, before they get to support themselves and their families. Connecticut is the latest in the nation and is getting even worse.”

At a press conference in Hartford, Rep. Alberts stated, “From January 1 to today, Connecticut residents have been working to pay government. That is 123 days, the latest in the nation. Starting today, Connecticut families can finally begin to work for their needs: food, housing, clothing.”

According to calculations by the Tax Foundation in Washington, Connecticut taxpayers work until May 3 to pay combined federal, state and local taxes. The national average is April 17, while Alaska is the lowest at April 2, a month earlier than Connecticut.

“On behalf of all the taxpayers, we mark this occasion by saying this cannot go on. Tax Freedom Day is projected to be later and later each year. People will work more and more days to pay government, before they can spend money on food, clothing, housing and all their other family needs. Taxpayers should join in saying enough is enough.”

Information from the Tax Foundation is available at: <http://www.taxfoundation.org/>

Connecticut’s Runaway Spending and Taxes

Rep. Alberts released Connecticut figures that show Connecticut tax and spending data are spiraling upward, especially since enactment of the state personal income tax in 1991.

From 1990 to 2005, Rep. Alberts noted state revenue between 1990 and 2005 has more than doubled from \$6 billion to \$14 billion.

Meanwhile, Rep. Alberts noted, inflation between 1990 and 2005 has increased by 46 percent, meaning that taxes and spending by Connecticut state government have increased at nearly triple the rate of inflation.

“State spending and taxes are outpacing the rate of inflation, they are outstripping the ability of people to pay and they are depressing the state economy,” he said. “Connecticut is significantly lagging the rest of the nation in economic growth, job creation and income growth. We need to slow down government growth and speed up economic growth.”

Rep. Alberts serves the 50th Assembly District of Brooklyn, Eastford, Hampton, Pomfret and Woodstock in the state House of Representatives.